

**Review / Introduction**

**I. Be Diligent in All of Life**

**A. This is not an empty imperative but given in the context of Christ “second coming...”**

**B. Always be Ready...**

1. A Day of Judgment...
2. Looking for “New heavens and a new earth...”

**Observations:**

**C. Be Diligent...**

1. The opposite of careless...
2. Have the right plan and goal... i.e. Sanctification...
  - a. It is God’s will for you...
  - b. It is God’s work of grace, whereby, He delivers you consciously from the corruption and dominion of sin...  
*Ephesians 2: 10*
  - c. It’s an imperative...
  - d. It’s goal; to be found by Christ...
    1. At peace... *Romans 5:1ff; Philippians 1:10; I Thessalonians 3:13; 5:23*
    2. Without spot or blemish... *James 1:27; Philippians 2:15*

**II. Count God’s Patience as Salvation...**

**A. An Exhortation to persevere...**

1. There is real danger... *II Peter 1:10-11*
2. The Remedy is always the Word of God... *II Peter 3:15b-16*  
*I Corinthians 1:2; II Corinthians 2:14; I Thessalonians 1:8*

**B. The Importance of the Exhortation...**

1. There “seems” to be a delay in the fulfillment of God’s promise...

**Observation:** Doubt usually leads to anxiety and fear...we need assurance, *II Peter 1:12-21; 3:1-2; 2:1-9...*

2. The constant troubling work of the false teachers and scoffers... *II Peter 3:17*
3. Because of our own weakness and instability...

**C. Consider the Patience of Our Lord...**

1. An attribute of God... *Exodus 34:6; Numbers 14:17-18; Psalm 86:15*
2. God is patient towards us... *Romans 8:28 cf. Acts 14:22; II Corinthians 4:17; Hebrews 12:11*

**Lesson:** God’s patience does save!

**Application:**

1. In regards to being diligent...
2. In regards to patience...